

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I am a college student, and I am deeply concerned about the outcome of the election, not only that my vote counts, but that each candidate's campaign is fair, and I don't think that this documentary is fair to either side.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

As a college student, I am very aware of the ongoing political tension in these last few weeks. I am positive that these negative campaigns are only hurting our country and will only lead to a negative outcome.

Keeping a close watch on the media is imperative in these last few weeks. Please understand that my only concern is the election is fair and balanced. Thank you.